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C/S - 2ND ADD U.S. PRESS PLAY OF CZECHOSLOVAK EVENTS

THE BALTIMORE SUN RAN AS ITS LEAD HEADLINE ND STORY OF THE PRAGUE EVENTS AND USED BOLDFACE TYPE READING: "SOVIET-BLOC FORCES SEIZE DUBCEK; JOHNSON URGES TROOP WITHDRAWAL". A 3-LINE, 2-COLUMN SUBHEADLINE FOLLOWS, READING: "23 KILLED IN CLASHES; PRAGUE'S PARLIAMENT ENTERED BY SOLDIERS." THIS SUBHEAD CAPS TWO STORIES, ONE DEALING WITH EVENTS IN PRAGUE AND THE OTHER THE STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT JOHNSON DEALING WITH THE EVENTS. THE LEAD EDITORIAL OF THE DAY IS ENTITLED: "THE TROOPS MOVE IN."

THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER DEVOTES FRONT PAGE PROMINENCE TO THE EVENTS AND HAS A BANNER HEADLINE READING: "REDS SEIZE DUBCEK, OCCUPY PARLIAMENT; WEST DEMANDS PULLOUT IN UN DEBATE." THE LEAD STORY IS CAPPED WITH A 2-LINE, 3-COLUMN HEAD READING: "GUNS CRACKLE IN PRAGUE AS FOE TIGHTENS GRIP." ALSO INCLUDED IN THE FRONT PAGE IS A PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED PICTURE WITH A CUTLINE READING: "DEFIANT CZECHS RUN PAST BURNING RUSSIAN TANK OUTSIDE RADIO PRAGUE HEADQUARTERS AFTER TROOPS FROM SOVIET UNION AND WARSAW PACE NATIONS INVADDED COUNTRY TO SNUFF OUT LIBERAL REGIME." THE PUBLICATION HAS AS ITS LEAD EDITORIAL A STATEMENT CONCERNING THE EVENTS WHICH IS ENTITLED: "SOVIET RAPE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA"

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